MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO: 2015-09-17-017

TO: ALL PRESIDENTS OF COMPONENT MEDICAL SOCIETIES
SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY BLOOD DONATION
DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2015
CC: PMA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Warmest greetings from PMA!

Over three decades, the Philippine Medical Association has advocated Voluntary Blood Donation pursuant to a Resolution passed by the PMA House of Delegates during an Annual Convention. With the passage of Republic Act 7719 also known as the National Blood Services Act of 1994, PMA has joined the nationwide programs to promote and encourage voluntary blood donation by the citizenry and instill public consciousness of the principle that blood donation is a humanitarian act. In support and as strategy to ensure adequate supply of human blood for our patients, PMA has adopted Voluntary Blood Donation with the following guidelines:

1. All Component societies are encouraged to recruit voluntary blood donors and organize the conduct of a Mobile Blood Donations in your respective communities. These activities can be coordinated with the respective Provincial Blood Program Coordinator, Philippine Red Cross Chapter and Local Blood Council. As an incentive, the PMA shall conduct a Voluntary Blood Donation contest for all the component societies this year. The winner will be determined by the highest percentage of Voluntary Blood Donors in relation to the number of members of the society.

For the purpose of determining the winners, each participating Component Society is required to submit the following:

1. documents recording the schedule of Mobile Blood Donation sessions conducted by the Society
2. list of voluntary blood donors and
3. pictures showing the activity at each session duly certified by the Provincial or City Blood Program Coordinator or the Head of the local PRC blood center.
This Mobile Blood Donations shall include blood donation activities starting June 1, 2015 and will end on March 15, 2016. Deadline for submission of report is on March 31, 2016.

2. All component societies are enjoined to hold seminars or lectures for the purpose of informing physicians on the proper screening and selection of blood donors to ensure that the blood collected are from safe donors. For this purpose, assistance can be obtained from the Regional Blood Program Coordinators or Philippine Blood Coordinating Council.

3. All component societies are urged to initiate or join Provincial or City Blood Councils in their respective province or city. The Local Blood Councils shall formulate and implement the activities of the local blood donation program.

For your reference.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

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